

We can work to better support officers in the communities they swear an oath to protect.

It is why I am working with colleagues of both parties on legislation to support them as they do their jobs.

I joined my colleague Senator GRASSLEY to introduce the Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act. It would increase mental health support for police, fire, emergency medical, and 9-1-1 personnel as they cope with the stress of responding to crisis situations.

These Ohioans deal with some of the most tense and life-threatening situations in our communities—car accidents, fires, family disputes, people in mental health crises.

So often our local police and fire departments don't have the resources to offer comprehensive mental health support. The Grassley-Brown bill will help us do that.

I also introduced the Expanding Health Care Options for Early Retirees Act, a bill that would allow retired police officers and other first responders to buy into Medicare beginning at age 50.

Police officers and other first responders wear their bodies out protecting our families and communities. They should have access to affordable healthcare when their service comes to an end.

This simple solution would ensure access to healthcare for police officers who are forced to retire but aren't yet eligible for Medicare.

I am working across the aisle with Senator THUNE and others to fix outdated IRS rules that prevent public safety officers from making tax-free withdrawals from retirement accounts to cover healthcare premiums.

We need to make sure police and fire can retire with dignity. Part of dignity of work is retiring with dignity. At the very least, that means they should be able to afford the healthcare they need.

This Police Week, let's offer more than empty words. Let's honor the memories of these women, these men who laid down their lives in service of their communities by getting their fellow officers the tools they need, the training they need to do their jobs and to build trust with the communities they are sworn to protect.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled vote be called immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON WATSON NOMINATION

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Watson nomination?

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) would have voted "nay."

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 186 Ex.]

YEAS—50

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| Baldwin | Gillibrand | Padilla |
| Bennet | Hassan | Peters |
| Blumenthal | Heinrich | Reed |
| Blunt | Hickenlooper | Sanders |
| Booker | Hirono | Schatz |
| Brown | Kaine | Schumer |
| Burr | Kelly | Shaheen |
| Cantwell | King | Sinema |
| Cardin | Klobuchar | Smith |
| Carper | Leahy | Stabenow |
| Casey | Lujan | Tester |
| Collins | Manchin | Warner |
| Coons | Markey | Warnock |
| Cortez Masto | Merkley | Warren |
| Duckworth | Murphy | Whitehouse |
| Durbin | Murray | Wyden |
| Feinstein | Ossoff | |

NAYS—45

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| Barrasso | Hagerty | Portman |
| Blackburn | Hawley | Risch |
| Boozman | Hoeben | Romney |
| Braun | Hyde-Smith | Rounds |
| Capito | Inhofe | Rubio |
| Cassidy | Johnson | Sasse |
| Cornyn | Kennedy | Scott (FL) |
| Cotton | Lankford | Scott (SC) |
| Crapo | Lee | Shelby |
| Cruz | Lummis | Thune |
| Daines | Marshall | Tillis |
| Ernst | McConnell | Toomey |
| Fischer | Moran | Tuberville |
| Graham | Murkowski | Wicker |
| Grassley | Paul | Young |

NOT VOTING—5

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| Cramer | Rosen | Van Hollen |
| Menendez | Sullivan | |

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OSSOFF). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the Thompson nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Trina L. Thompson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

VOTE ON THOMPSON NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Thompson nomination?

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) would have voted "No."

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 187 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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| Baldwin | Hassan | Ossoff |
| Bennet | Heinrich | Padilla |
| Blumenthal | Hickenlooper | Peters |
| Booker | Hirono | Reed |
| Brown | Kaine | Sanders |
| Cantwell | Kelly | Schatz |
| Cardin | King | Schumer |
| Carper | Klobuchar | Shaheen |
| Casey | Leahy | Sinema |
| Collins | Lujan | Smith |
| Coons | Manchin | Stabenow |
| Cortez Masto | Markey | Tester |
| Duckworth | Menendez | Warner |
| Durbin | Merkley | Warnock |
| Feinstein | Murkowski | Warren |
| Gillibrand | Murphy | Whitehouse |
| Graham | Murray | Wyden |

NAYS—44

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| Barrasso | Hagerty | Risch |
| Blackburn | Hawley | Romney |
| Boozman | Hoeben | Rounds |
| Braun | Hyde-Smith | Rubio |
| Burr | Inhofe | Sasse |
| Capito | Johnson | Scott (FL) |
| Cassidy | Kennedy | Scott (SC) |
| Cornyn | Lankford | Shelby |
| Cotton | Lee | Sullivan |
| Crapo | Lummis | Thune |
| Cruz | Marshall | Tillis |
| Daines | McConnell | Toomey |
| Ernst | Moran | Tuberville |
| Fischer | Paul | Wicker |
| Grassley | Portman | |

NOT VOTING—5

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|--------|------------|-------|
| Blunt | Rosen | Young |
| Cramer | Van Hollen | |

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KELLY). The clerk will report the Sykes nomination.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Sunshine Suzanne Sykes, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

VOTE ON SYKES NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Sykes nomination?

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.